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Amazing Louisiana Purchase

Mexicans Dislike Airmail Design

Mexicans are somewhat disappointed with the design of the new airmail stamp, an 80 centavos plum colored item, purporting to show portion of Mexico's famed University City. Other stamps in this new airmail series are handsome and clear — the 80c leaves one guessing even though a magnifying glass is used.



cording to Dr. A. W. Bork Mexico City, the design contest for Mexico City, the design contest for artwork to grace the proposed Hidalgo commems will close March 10, with the decision of the judges to be made known March 20.

Designs were to be submitted to and judged by personnel of the Departamento Tecnico y de Organizacion de la Direccion de Cor-

First, second and third prizes amount to 2000, 1000 and 500 pesos respectively.

Cayman Islands Get Elizabeth Stamp

March 2 was the first day of issue for the first Queen Elizabeth II stamp for Cayman Islands according to the Crown Agents for



the Colonies. The stamp had pre viously been announced in the C.A. Bulletin of December 1, 1952. It is a bi-color in ultramarine and black showing the South Sound Lighthouse on Grand Cay-

Suriname Produces Flood Semipostals

Help for the stricken citizens of the mother country's flood suffer-ers was promoted via the issuance of two semipostal stamps by Suri-name, outpost of Holland in the

western hemisphere.
They were made by surcharging a new denomination on current
denominations of the regular postage series, and overprinting a le-gend as to their dedication.

ged as to their dedication.

The basic stamps are of the queep Juliana design. On the 7½c brown orange a value of 12½c plus 7½c was printed, and on the 12½c blue, one of 20c plus 10c.

The inscription, in red on the latter, and black on the former, reads "STORMRAMP — NEDERLAND—1953."

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NATIONAL GUARD FIRST DAY AT MOUNT VERNON. Ceremonies incident to the release of the National Guard commemorative were held at historic Mount Vernon, home of the first president and commander in chief of the Colonial Army in the Revolution, George Washington. Charles E. Wilson (left) Secretary of Defense, and Mrs. Frances P. Bolton, Congresswoman from Ohio (center) were the recipients of special albums containing a sheet of the new 3c stamp from Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield (right).

Rotary International Is Good Start For Topical Collection Of Service Clubs

The development of "Service Club Collecting" as an item of Topical Collecting, seems to be more active recently. The special stamps which have been issued by various nations, honoring Rotary International, have long been a favorite of members of local Rotary Clubs; now nonmembers are beginning to recognize in them a worth-while topic for collectors, and are now considered representative of a special field.

With clubs organized in over eighty countries these stamps merit

inclusion in topical collecting, since the clubs are a strong link in world wide cooperation in friendly understanding.

This is best presented by Nathan E. Truman, Bainbridge, N. Y. who wrote his poem "The Fourfold Quest"—

"In Rotary, four objects form

our quest,—
Acquaintance first, since that

Acquaintance first, since that illumes our way, to service—
Standards high come next in play, for they can lure one on to what is best.—
Thirdly, ideals of service should apply in home, business and com-

munity.-

The fourth, an object truly counted high, advancing understanding and good will for peace through fellowship and harmony.— These are world-wide and growing stronger.—"

In 1931 Austria was host to the International Convention and at

International Convention and at that time issued a set of six semipostals in honor of the occasion. These are the first of their kind.

They were made by overprint-

ing stamps of the regular issue of 1929-30, and were sold at twice their face value.

their face value.

They were also printed in colors which varied somewhat from the original ones. However this group does not include all the regular stamps of the 1929-30 series, since there were in all eleven different views in that group and

Christmas Seal Album

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a total of fourteen denominations.
The pastor of the local Methodist Church in our town was among the state delegates, and later made many addresses to many city groups about the trip and souvenirs, and stamps.
Price wise these Austrian issues have made advances and declines. The highest catalog price

clines. The highest catalog price was quoted in 1949 when it rose to \$30 for the set. Currently they are listed at \$18 with the actual retail sales being made at a lower

figure, as is usually the case.

Today the quantity at any price is small, and any interest topical

is small, and any interest topical collectors may take perhaps will result in a higher level with increased future demand. They are always a good buy.

The next nation to honor Rotary with a stamp was Cuba. In 1940 this little country entertained another Service Club at the time of the Rotary convention and did honors to both (The tion, and did honors to both. (The Rotary is Scott #362 new number assigned in 1951). This stamp is a 2c watermarked and with perforation 10.

foration 10.

The colors in rose red and the vignette shows the Cuban Flag—the Rotary emblem and a tobacco plant. These-stamps were printed in sheets of four panes, containing 25 each. Each pane was separated by a wide gutter, (Continued on page 9)

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Most amazing of all, this purchase was made more or less unwillingly by our minister to the Court of France, Robert Livingston, and our special envoy, Jamse Monroe, who had been commissioned by President Jefferson to purchase from Napoleon only the port of New Orleans -plus a portion of West Florida.

But the wily old monarch practically forced upon our diplomats the purchase of the vast "Louisiana Territory" instead. It consisted of 827,000 square miles of rich and fertile plainland reaching west from the Mississippi River to the foot of the Rocky Mountains, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border, and included every creek, river and tributary water which eventually emptied into these two mightiest of all waters, the Missouri and the Mississippi rivers.

This amazing purchase gave us the golden heartland of the United States and placed our infant na-tion firmly on the path toward industrial might and continental power, changing the wilderness into one of the world's richest

into one of the world's richest areas.

Doctor Charles A. Beard, in his History of the United States, observes:—"In 1802 Thomas Jefferson and his Republicans came into power in Washington, unseating John Adams and the current Federalist regime. At that time the East, then the center of power, saw no good reason for expansion. The planters of the Carolinas, the manufacturers of Pennsylvania, the importers of New York, the shipbuilders of New England, looking to the seaboard and to Europe for trade, refinements, and sometimes their ideas of government, were slow to appreciate the place of the West in national economy. The better educated the Easterners were, the less, it seems, they comprehended the destiny of the nation. Sons of Federalist fathers at Williams College, after a long debate, decided by a vote of fifteen to one that the purchase of Louisiana was undesriable."

The pioneers of Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee, unlearned

The pioneers of Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee, unlearned in books, saw with their own eyes

and Tennessee, unlearned in books, saw with their own eyes the resources of the wilderness. Many of them had been across the Mississippi and had beheld the rich lands awaiting the plow of the white man. Down the great river they floated their wheat, corn, and bacon to ocean-going ships bound for the ports of the seaboard or for Europe.

The land journeys over the mountain barriers with bulky farm produce, they knew from experience, were almost impossible, and costly at best. Nails, bolts of cloth, tea, and coffee could go or come that way, but not corn and bacon. A free outlet to the sea by the Mississippi was as essential to the pioneers of the Kentucky region as the harbor of Boston to the merchant princess of that metropolis.

that metropolis.

For this reason they watched with deep solicitude the fortunes of the Spanish king, to whom, at the close of the Seven Years' War, had fallen the Louisiana territory had fallen the Louisiana territory stretching from New Orleans to the Rocky Mountains. While he controlled the mouth of the Mississippi there was little to fear, for he had neither the army nor the navy necessary to resist any invasion of American Trade.

Moreover, Washington had been able, by the exercise of great tact, to secure from Spain in 1795 a trading privilege through New

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Orleans which satisfied the pre-sent requirements of the frontiers-men even if it did not allay their fears for the future. So things stood when a swift succession of events altered the whole situation.

events altered the whole situation. In July 1802, a royal order from Spain instructed the officials at New Orleans to close the port to American produce. About the same time a disturbing rumor, long current, was confirmed—Napoleon had coerced Spain into returning Louisiana to France by a secret treaty signed in 1800. a secret treaty signed in 1800.

a secret treaty signed in 1800.

"The scalers of the Alps and conquerors of Venice" now looked across the sea for new scenes of adventure. The West was ablaze with excitement. A call for war ran through the frontier; expeditions were organized to prevent the landing of the French; and petitions for instant action flooded in upon Jefferson. in upon Jefferson.

in upon Jefferson,

Jefferson, the friend of France
and sworn enemy of England,
compelled to choose in the interest
of America, never winced. "The compelled to choose in the interest of America, never winced. "The cession of Louisiana and the Floridas by Spain to France." he wrote to Livingston, "works sorely on the United States. It completely reverses all the political relations of the United States and will form a new erock in our will form a new epoch in our political course.

political course.

"There is on the globe one single spot, the possessor of which is our national and habitual enemy. It is New Orleans through which the produce of three-eighths of our territory must pass to market. France, placing herself in that door, assumes to us an attitude of defiance.

self in that door, assumes to us an attitude of defiance.

"Spain might have retained it quietly for years. Her pacific dispositions, her feeble state would induce her to increase our facilities there. Not so can it ever be in the hands of France. The day that France takes possession of New Orleans fixes the sentence which is to restrain her forever within her low water mark. It seals the union of the two nations who in conjunction can maintain who in conjunction can maintain

who in conjunction can maintain exclusive possession of the ocean.

"From that moment we must marry ourselves to the British fleet and nation. This is not a state of things we seek or desire. It is one which this measure, if adopted by France, forces on us as necessarily as any other cause by the laws of nature brings on its necessary effect."

Acting on this belief, but apparently seeing only the Missis_(Continued on page 8)



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The Case For Collecting British Colonials

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PART II

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The beauty of British Colonials has definitely become an established tradition—a tradition that began with the classic "Chalon Head" issues. These early stamps were designed from the portrait of Queen Victoria

by Chalon. With t

With the advent of the new ones bearing Queen Elizabeth's portrait, undoubtedly many collectors will be tempted to investigate the beauty of British Colonials in detail. They will certainly not be disappointed with the results of their findings.

disappointed with the results of their findings.

The beauty of the colonials lies chiefly in their depiction of the rich lore of British traditions. The early sets are generally of a simple design featuring a profile of the reigning monarch. Sometimes, though, they consist of a simply framed badge of the colony issuing the stamps. stamps.

badge of the colony issuing the stamps.

Later, in the 1930's, pictorial issues became prominent. These bicolor stamps present a wealth of knowledge of geography and of nature. As an ever present reminder of the far-flung reaches of the British Empire, a vignette of the reigning monarch is an incorporated feature of these pictorials. Between 1935 and 1949, there have been released five popular series common to most of the colonies that are particularly well designed. Let's look at them in detail.

The Silver Jubilee's of 1935 commemorated twenty-five years' reign of King George V. This set consists of four identical stamps in different colors. Each stamp is a large horizontal pictorial with a view of Windsor Castle at left and a profile of King George V at right. The entire stamp is framed with regal symbols.

regal symbols.
When King George VI and Queen
Elizabeth assumed the throne in 1937, a Coronation set was issued. These stamps, of three per colony, These stamps, of three per colony, are again horizontal, but slightly narrower than a Jubilee. Each features a full-face portrait of Queen Elizabeth on the left and King George VI on the right. The symbols of royalty break the design in the center.

Since the British people suffered

so much during World War II, it is not difficult to understand why is not difficult to understand why a Peace Issue made its appearance in 1946. These stamps were again large horizontal pictorials, two to the set. A view of the Parliament Buildings in London dominates the left, and a vignette of King George VI rounds out the design at the right.

The 1948 Silver Wedding issue commemorating the twenty five years of marriage of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth is a public acknowledgement of the warm re-

VI and Queen Elizabeth is a public acknowledgement of the warm regard the British people have for their royal family. Each vertical stamp — and there are two in the set — depicts a bust-size double portrait of the King and Queen.

The last of these five popular sets is the Universal Postal Union issue of 1949. In commemorating the 75th anniversary of this Union, the British Colonies joined some forty other countries in paying their respects to this international or-

respects to this international or-ganization dedicated to promoting better world-wide postal systems. For the British colonies, the set consisted of four separately de-signed stamps embodying symbols pertinent to the Universal Postal Union and postal lore. Mercury scattering letters Union and postal lore. Mercury scattering letters over the globe and the Universal Postal Union monument at Bern, Switzerland,

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are two of the designs employed. From 1949 to date, a few of the colonies have issued sets commem-orating the centenary of the issu-ance of their first stamps. These

ance of their first stamps. These sets feature a reproduction of the first stamps these colonies issued. The designs of these British Colonials have been, for the most part, good choices. The pictorials usually have a single, uncluttered central subject. Most of the pictorials are bi-colored, and the colors are rich, eye-appealing hues. Very seldom are the colors too harshly bright or insipidly pale.

From 1950 on, some of the issues have a photographic effect that is

have a photographic effect that is refreshingly modern. This article is not an attempt

This article is not an attempt to make a thousand words do the work of one picture. Rather, it is more an attempt to make a few words inspire just one look. For there is no doubt that one look at the British Colonial stamps will justify these words of praise for their hearty.

Why don't you spare a moment to take that look? You'll not regret

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 (Continued next week)

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	221 * (13) Health Stamps 2.40 222 * Queensland, (32) Comprehensive Lot #6E-45 147.75 223 * (35) #42-F2, G-F 96.00 224 * St. Helena, (16) #1-49, G-VF 70.20 225 * St. Vincent, (23), #2-113, Beautiful Lot VF 71.75 226 * St. Vincent, (23), #2-13, Beautiful Lot VF 71.75 227 * Sierra Leone, (26), #3-98 G-VF 63.25 228 * South Australia, (36), #3-042, G-VF 101.25 229 * Straits Settlements, (35), G-VF 42.80 230 * (29), States, G-F 25.75 231 * Tasmania, (32), #2-81, G-VF 101.25 232 * Tobago, (13), F-VF All mint but two 15.75 233 * Transvaal, (12), #5a mint G-VF 24.75 234 * Trinidad, (19), #13a-J6, #13a, has pin hole 41.75 235 * Turks Islands, (14), G-VF 26.00 236 * Victoria, (34), #1-151, All Used, Fine Lot 105.75 237 * Virgin Islands, (13), One Used, F-VF 28.00 238 * West Australia, (18), #1-71, Beautiful Lot 37.85
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Why Not Boost Your Topic

There are so many different angles to stamp collecting that it is a very difficult job for any publication to keep well informed on all of them.

Years ago we were all general collectors. That is we had an International album and we collected everything that came along in stamps for that album.

Today that is all changed. About the only real general collectors left are a few much older men who have collected stamps since their younger days and have held on to all of them even into their later years, plus a vast army of new recruits who start out by taking everything that looks like a stamp and keeping on in that fashion for a few years until they get far enough advanced to realize that they are on a path that they never can hope to

enough advanced to realize that they are on a path that they never can hope to get anywhere on so they begin to think of a special line of effort.

Some turn to United States alone, others pick something in the foreign field while others pick one of the hundreds of different lines which have come to be known best as Topical subjects. The field here is almost unlimited and offers something that can interest any type of man. Imagine then if you can, how any publication can be prepared to give out with

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lisher of any philatelic publication can be prepared to give out with news and items of interest that will please and interest everyone. There is however a way that such things can be done but it involves a bit of time and work on the part of every collector who is interested.

We have a letter from a Mr. Marcus A. White, a gentleman whom we met when at the ASDA show in November. Mr. White writes in approval of most of our efforts but goes on to remark, "I go into ecstasy when I find an article on Postal Stationery."

Fine, Mr. White but if you are so enthused by such articles why not appoint yourself as a committee of one a volunteer worker who will send us from time to time, any bit of news matter of general interest about Postal Stationery. There must be others like yourself who enjoy such matter and if all who are of the same opinion will simply act as we suggest you act, you should readily see how much of interest we might print about Postal Stationery.

There is much in Postal Stationery that is of great interest. We understand that there is quite a revival of interest in this field at present and it is well worth that interest, but to get news of general interest about it we got to have the help of those who are Postal Stationery enthusiasts.

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This same thing applies to any and most all other branches of our hobby. We as publishers can spread the news to 35,000 other collectors, but we first have to have the news and the things of interest originate with those who are interested in the various branches of our hobby, so share your light and let your brother collectors have some of the information you hold within you. We welcome all sorts of news notes and bits of interesting information. We can not promise to print everything that comes our way but we will do not promise to print everything that comes our way but we will do our best to use all matter which we consider as worth printing.

Breaking All Records

This, our 25th Anniversary year is starting off with a big BANG!! We have been checking back against past years and now find that in the month of January we have broken three records covering all of the years in which this paper has been published. Of course the first of these is in circulation. We are now printing and mailing more than 35,000 copies weekly. We are still fighting for more and more circulation and we hope to get it during the year. Our lifetime ambition is to build a paper with 50,000 circulation. It can be done and could be done by the end of this year if all whose subscription will expire during this year would renew for two years and with such a renewal we permit you to give a free one year subscription to a friend who is not now a subscriber. Subscriptions from those in the U. S. must give the free subscription to a U. S. address. If in Canada or Foreign countries and you renew for two years you can give a free subscription to any address in your own country. Try this plan when your renewal comes up, help us reach our goal.

Another record we broke in January was in the number of new subscriptions received in one month. In January we received more than in any previous month of our entire 25 years of publication.

Then there is still another record for January. In this month we printed more classified advertising than in any previous month in our history.

All three of these records make us quite happy and we hope that

in our history.

All three of these records make us quite happy and we hope that ere the year is over we can shatter all of them again.

Queen Elizabeth Collection

The coronation of the new Queen Elizabeth will be the signal for many new stamps which will picture this popular new British Queen. Many collectors will start a Queen Elizabeth collection. We note where there are to be an issue of 61 different stamps from the British Crown colonies for the coronation. That will serve as a start, but it is certain that other issues of regular sets for all colonies will follow in rapid succession and your first year with Queen Elizabeth. will follow in rapid succession and your first year with Queen Elizabeth stamps can be a costly one.

At the same time, if you contemplate such a collection you will to go back and pick up the various issues of past years which want to go back and pick up the various issues of past years which featured this lady from childhood on up to the present time. There are stamps from Newfoundland, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and many other places that will fit into such a collection and all of these past issues are going to be in increased demand in the coming year. Every one of them should show an advance in catalog value in next year's catalog. Some of them may turn out to be quite short in supply, so if you contemplate a Queen Elizabeth collection, get busy at once and buy these past issues while the prices are still at their present level.

Residence Mail Deliveries

To add to the burden of postal costs I see where the new Post-master General among other things is going to try to restore twice a day deliveries for residential districts in the cities.

Our own personal opinion is that the average residential mail is not of such importance that it needs such delivery. We feel that once a day is sufficient and it ought to be the means of a very substantial saving in Post Office Department costs.

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"Guard" Release At Mount Vernon

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The first day of Issue ceremony of the commemorative stamp honoring the National Guard started at 10 a.m. on Monday, February 23, on the east lawn of Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. The speakers were assembled on the East Veranda, the side that is most often seen in views of the shrine. Music was supplied by the 257th Army Band, District of Columbia National Guard. The audience stood on the lawn.

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welcome to Mount Vernon was extended by Mrs. Frances P. Bolton, Congresswoman from Ohio and vice-regent of Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. Uniforms worn in various earlier periods of guard service were worn by a group of guardsmen from the District of Columbia.

Arthur E. Summerfield, the

Arthur E. Summerfield, the Postmaster General, stated that the National Guards have the longest continuous history of any military unit in what is now the United States. He indicated that it was most appropriate that these ceremonies be held at Mount Vernon since the stamp served as a tribute to our first great military

Mr. Summerfield presented albums containing the new stamp to Charles E. Wilson, the Secretary of Defense; Mrs. Frances Bolton; and Major General Earl T. Ricks, Acting Chief, National Guard Bureau.

New Airmails For Spanish Morocco

Spanish Morocco on March 15 will release a four-value air-mail set, according to Carlos Lenze of Madrid, Spain.

Denominations, quantities and designs are: — 35c (1,000,000) "El Carabo"; 60c (600,000) "Sidi-Saide" 1.10 Pts. (1,000,000) "La Yunta"; 4.50Pts. (100,000) "Xauen".

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Of general interest to philatelists at all times are the quantities of stamps printed by the various coun-

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According to the latest list that has been released by the Canadian Post Office Department, the fiftycent stamp of the 1946 Pictorial issue, overprinted O. H. M. S., is Canada's modern rarest stamp. Perhaps it is not considered a rarity from the price that is being offered for it on the stamp market. But, it is Canada's rarest stamp when one considers the quantity printed. printed

printed.
As a matter of fact, there were only 30,000 produced and it has always been in heavy demand by collectors in Canada as well as the United States, where Canadian stamps are extremely popular.
Following this number one rarity is another modern classic. Number two on the list is the 1939 Special Delivery stamp surcharged tencents. Only 300,000 were printed.

There is one interesting feature about Canada's Philatelic Agency. The officials will not announce in advance the number of stamps being printed in a new issue, irrespec-tive if it is a regular or commemorative series.

The official reason for this prac-The official reason for this practice is to protect the interests of the average collector, who may not have the financial means of paying higher prices to stamp dealers for obsolete stamps, if the Philatelic Agency were not in operation tion.

Incidentally, the collecting fraternity has to wait six months after the issue has been sold out at the Philatelic Agency in Ottawa before the Post Office Department's an-nouncement is made in connection with the quantities printed.

This policy is carried out so as to put the dealers and the collectors

put the dealers and the collectors on an equal footing when obtaining their share of any new issue. In other words. under this policy the large army of stamp dealers are not in a position to corner the market on any issue of Canada. Perhaps, this is the main reason why Canadian stamps have always been number one of the list of collectors the world over for many years. Possibly other countries, who make a practice of announcing the quantities in advance, nouncing the quantities in advance, should copy the Canadian system. That would more than likely put a halt to a lot of speculation amongst dealers and dealer-collectors who are making a racket out of the helps. the hobby.

However, while the Canadian Philatelic Agency is considered to be one of the best operated in the world, there is one minor exception to which the philatelic organizations from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Victoria, B. C., take with the officials of the agency. It is in connection with off-centered copies of stamps that are being offered for sale.

The official opinion on this subject is this: The Philatelic Agency was organized in 1932 for the sole

was organized in 1932 for the sole purpose to be of some service to the average day-to-day collector who may not have the means of

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chance of purchasing Canada's obsolete stamps at face value.

But the philatelic organizations in Canada do not altogether agree with this latter explanation. These organizations contend that while the stamps may be offered at face value, the young collectors are not fully aware of the basic facts of stamp collecting. And they purchase these off-centered copies for their collections, only to find later that their so-called valuable stamps according to a philatelic catalogue, are no longer worth that figure due to their condition. The result is that many of these new-comers to philately may drop it just on to philately may drop it just on that account. Well, anyway, this particular sub-

ject is a good item for some future meeting of your club, either as a debate or some private discussion amongst your fellow-collector friends. There are pros and cons on this subject. But, actually, what's your opinion?

With the introduction of meter postage throughout Canada, there

postage throughout Canada, there is some speculation amongst the collecting fraternity that Canada's high value stamps, especially the 11 denominations may disappear from the postal scene altogether. Now-a-days the majority of parcels that are being mailed are being franked with meter postage. Since that's the case, the present 11 stamps of Canada will undoubtedly by extremely popular in the edly by extremely popular in the near future, especially in fine used

As the staff of Canada's Phila-telic Agency is being extra busy with the issuance of new stamps, there has been a steady flow of an extra volume of orders for rean extra volume of orders for recent issues with the result that they have already sold out of the following: — 1949 \$1 Train Ferry; 1939-1945 \$1 Gift Booklet; 1949 Halifax Bicentennial commemorative; and the 20c Harvesting scene, overprinted O. H. M. S.

New 1953 Price List Of UNITED STATES CANADA NEWFOUNDLAND

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Key Awards In SPA Membership Drive

Membership Drive

The Society of Philatelic Americans has announced the adoption of a system of awards for obtaining new members for the society. For some years past, all who in one year obtained at least three new members, or re-instatements, received a membership card for the following year gratis. This will continue in effect.

The new plan embodies the awarding of different honor keys, based on the number of new members obtained. 13 new members will obtain a bronze honor key: 25 a Silver Key; and 50 the gold honor key. This plan became effective last July 1.

The plan is cumulative, that 1s, it can be spread over a period of a few years. Members who do not obtain enough new members in this current year may have those they do obtain carried over to rest year.

current year may have those they do obtain carried over to next year. And, the number obtained for a bronze key will count on getting the silver key. Further details of the plan are now being worked out, and will be announced soon, according to Ben Reeves. president, of Chicago.

San Marino Plans Nine Sport Stamps

San Marino during March will issue a set of eight sport stamps according to Vittorio Lo Bianco of New York City. Denominations of the eight regulars are to be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25 and 100 Lire and a single airmail, 200 Lire.

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To simultaneously provide funds for Dutch flood victims and serve American stamp collectors, the Pestalozzi Foundation of America, 41 E. 57th St., New York 22, N.Y., has made arrangements for the distribution here of unusual philatelic covers, franked with specimens of the recently issued Dutch "Watersnood" semi-postals and a specially prepared adhesive of Heinrich Pestalozzi, which were prepared in Switzerland for this particular ca-To simultaneously provide funds Switzerland for this particular catastrophe.

In keeping with the foundation's constant policies of providing im-mediate aid wherever and whenev-er disastrous emergency strikes, it er disastrous emergency strikes, it already has dispatched huge quantities of food, clothing and medical supplies to stricken Holland where more than 1,400 persons perished and where countless thousands have been made homeless through this cataclysmic storm and consequent flood.

Although American collectors can procure unused specimens of the ten million Watersnood stamps that were immediately issued by D. Neher. Director-General of the Dutch P.T.T., from the Hague, the Pestalozzi Foundation anticipating Associates to contribute ing American desires to contribute funds towards this emergency, prepared a limited number of covers through its offices in Zurich, had them postmarked on the date of issue and air-mailed them to the United States. They are available to collectors, not only as unusual philatelic items, but as evidence of stampdom's charitable inclinations. The covers are available at 50 cents prices the entire proceeds going. apiece, the entire proceeds going directly to Dutch Flood Relief Funds.

Detroit Exhibition In Mid-March

Approximately 120 frames of outstanding philatelic exhibits will greet visitors to the annual exhibition of the Northwest Stamp Society of Detroit, Mich. The show is to be staged at the VFW Hall, 13576 Lesure March 14 and 15.

Twenty dealers have signified their acceptance of bourse space. The public is welcome to attend and participate.

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AUSTRALIA. This country has released a series of six "Produce Food" stamps, three each of 3d and 3½d. The 3d is green and the 3½d red. These stamps show designs associated respectively with butter, wheat and beef. They are issued in sheets of 100 with the three stamps included on the same sheet.

This will enable collectors to obtain strips of three of each value and each sheet will contain four and each sheet will contain four odd stamps. If collectors buy these in strips of three, what will the dealer do with the 4 odd stamps?? It is announced that these stamps will be on sale for approximately two to 2½ months only.

CORONATIONS. Several Crown CORONATIONS. Several Crown Colonies have announced changes in color or value, since the original list was issued. The latest is a change from 1d to 2d by Turks & Caicos. There may be more changes before release in advance. Some of the Dominions have not as yet announced their Coronation plans. The following list shows the

plans. The following list shows the announcements, exclusive of the Crown Colonies. GREAT BRITAIN (4) 2½d, 4d,

CANADA (1) 4c CEYLON (1) 5c NEW ZEALAND (5) 2d, 3d, 4d,

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SO. WEST AFRICA (5) 1d, 2d, d, 6d &1s. NEW ZEALAND. There are prob-

ably enough of the provisional stamps 3d on 1d to supply all pres-ent demand. However this stamp ent demand. However this stamp will be withdrawn as soon as a supply of the 3d stamps arrive from London and there is the possibility of the new stamps being Elizabeths. This low value stamp may be good both mint and used. It is planned to release the regular series of Elizabeth stamps after the coronations have been sold out,

coronations have been sold out, probably in September.

KENYA. Very high values are is-

KENYA. Very high values are issued for revenue use and should not be included in postage stamp catalogues except in a foot note. As long as listed, collectors will demand and buy these high values. The Kenya 4 Pound stamp of 1924 No. 40 is priced by Scott at \$70 and by Gibbons at 24 Pounds. At a recent Harmer sale in London a mint copy of this stamp sold for

a mint copy of this stamp sold for 18 Pounds.

AUSTRALIA. New Elizabeth 1d and 3½d values were scheduled for release on or about March 1.

Holland Flood Issue On FDC's

The National Philatelic Museum received a communication from C.H.W. d'Artillac Brill of the Ne-therlands P.T.T. that 1000 first day covers will be sent to the Museum for distribution.

for distribution.

The new semipostal stamp was produced by overprinting current 10-cent Queen Juliana stamps with "1953-10c-plus-10c, Watersnood".

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premium values, L. Neher, Direct-or General of the Department of Post, Telegraphs and Telephones, determined that only a single stamp with a value which even a child can afford, would enable a larger number of collectors to participate

number of collectors to participate in the emergency fund appeal.

The price of the cover to the public will be \$1.00.

The difference between the cost of the covers to the Dutch postal administration and the sale price will be the contribution of the stamp collectors in the United States to the emergency fund for disastrous floods, which threaten the lives and welfare of one-eighth of the population of the Netherlands. lands.

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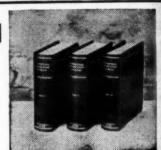
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n in So. Adams, Mass. 1820 d in 1996. She was born of er parents and educated at ds (Quaker) School in Phila-ia; taught school herself for 15 years, becoming deeply sted in temperance and anti-

Later she espoused the cause of soman suffrage and women's ights too, to all of which combined auses she devoted most of her rephts too, to all of which combined uses she devoted most of her reaining life. She initiated and led cossfully, movements resulting much legislation for the improvent of the status of women (was at necessary?) and was elected esident of the National American

resident of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

In 1872 she led a group of women to the polls in Rochester, N.Y., where of course they could not wote; she was arrested for creating a disturbance, tried and fined—but being a woman with "rights"—she refused to pay the fine. Wonder what the judge did then? ? After many more years of travelder waat he judge did neher? After many more years of travel-ing, writing and lecturing, Susan Brownell Anthony passed on in her sth year, to that Place on High where temperance and woman sufrage are unknown.

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Stamp Bourse At Newark, New Jersey

The Newark Stamp Bourse, inugurated in January, has met
with an enthusiastic response from
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The monthly meetings are held additional interest to each session. The monthly meetings are held to the third Saturday in each month, at the Continental Ball Room, 982 Broad St., Newark, from 19:30 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. The next session will be on March 21. Information may be had from Donald E. Gillmore, president of the North Jersey Stamp Dealers' Association, 1435 Parkview Terrace, Elliside, N. J.

New Stamps From Spanish Colonies

Spanish Guinea is to have five new stamps in the very near fu-ture according to Carlos Lenze of Madrid, Spain who reports that an official bulletin to this effect has appeared from the postal administration.

Two different designs, yet to be bosen via a public competition, nowing native activities are to eused. Denominations are 5c, 10c, to used. Denominations are 5c, 10c, 0c, 1Pts and 1.90Pts. A million and a half of the first two are to be printed and a million of the remaining three.

maining three.
Some time in March Spanish Sahara is to release a three-value commemorative set for the 75th anxiversary of the Royal Geographical Society. Stamps here are to be 5c, 35c and 60c.

Volume II Culkin H.P.O. Catalog

Volume II of "Highway Post Offices - History And Catalog" has been released by the publisher Cukin Stamp Co., P. O. Box 400, Omaha 1, Nebraska.

It is to contain routes according to the Culkin listings of them from number 101 to 200. Only 22 of them are included since the bulk of them are yet to be established and integrated the cultin state.

are yet to be established and in-incurated by the Post Office De-

As in the first volume information d importance to the collector of hypor (HPO's) is given in detail. ha includes the mileage, inaugu-al date, first trip statistics, and tame served by the route. The catalog is in pocket-size has-leaf make-up to which addi-tional pages and the state of the state of

mal pages when released can be ded easily. Selling price of Vol-le II is \$3.50 from the publisher.

Artist On New Italian Stamp

A portrait of the 15th Century Sicilian painter, Antonello d'An-tonio, adorns a new 25L brick red stamp received from Italy by P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J. It was issued on February 21 and was overprinted in black for simul-taneous release in Trieste.



Antonello d'Antonio was born Antonello d'Antonio was born in Messina in the middle of the 15th century—some say in 1414, some claim that he was not born until 1421. He is known primarily for his introduction of the techniques of oil painting into Italy, following upon his studies in the Netherlands under Jan Van Eyck and other Dutch Scholars.

Antonello painted for the Council of Ten (the high council of the Republic) in Venice, in which city he died towards the close of the 15th century. Probably his best-known painting is a study of a nameless man, which hangs in the Berlin Museum.

will be available to all cover collectors.

Selling price is 10c each or three for 25c. The price includes the envelope, addressing and stamp. Send the name and address to be placed on the envelope and the proper payment to Don H. Clarke, 2206 Woodside Ave., Essexsville, Mich.

Australia To Issue 3½d Queen

The first stamp in the series for regular postage bearing the portrait of Queen Elizabeth II will be issued by Australia on April 21 according to an announcement made by the Postmaster General, H. L. Anthony.

It will be a 3½d red with a profile portrait. There are to be 160 to the sheet.

While it is intended to replace stamps of the same denomination with the picture of King George VI both stamps will sell at the same time pending exhaustion from stocks of the King George is-use.

Stamps with the same vignette of the Queen will appear soon in 1d and 3d values. Dates were unannounced. Others with the king's portrait will be replaced from time

Essexville Show Will Have Cachet

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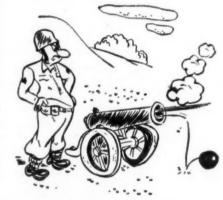


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By CARL P. RUETH

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You people who like the blue

You people who like the blue stamps will have to balk on that one. You can't even distinguish the design—with a magnifying glass and good light the picture is still fuzzy and obscure.

And in good stamp art one should not have to resort to anything but the use of the eyes.

I suppose this "Invisible Commem" is a bit of stupidity left over from the thick heads recently eliminated from office. On the other hand, the cluck who has been choosing the colors might be on civil service and entrenched on civil service and entrenched with his taste in stamp art. If you people want to do a turn for the good of the hobby and to

eliminate poorly chosen colors and events, then it is definitely apparent it is going to take some collective doing. Those of us who have tried to get something better from Washington have not been successful.

I would suggest you do the fol-

I would suggest you do the following, and do it at once:
a)—Send a letter to the editor of your local paper with a copy of the National Guard stamp, pointing out its poor color, and the fact that this is but a sample of other offences in this respect. You can also name some of the unimportant things commemorated with our stamps.

unimportant things commemorated with our stamps.
b)—Send a similar letter, but without a stamp to Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C.
You might point out to both editor and PMG you are getting a little fed up with such stunts. If all of you who cooperated so well on other matters come through on this one undoubtedly something will be done in Washington.

ington.

Some years ago when philatelic matters got stinking it took collective hell-raising to bring changes about. It seems to me the "call to action" is long over-

1. George Washington or a work of art picturing him have been shown on U. S. stamps often. Name the last two stamps on which he was pictured.

2. The same for Abraham Lin-

coln.

Jack E. Philips, East Quogue,

Jack E. Philips, East Quogue,
N. Y. points out an error in the
February 16 column.

It was given that the plate number 22876 of the 3c Defense issue
was a scarce and high priced one.
This is not so. The plate number is 22878—and so please mark
your records accordingly.

A New York woman who be-lieves we should include "In God We Trust" on our postage stamps sent the following to the postmaster general:-

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trouble.

Proclaiming far "In God We Trust".

Last week there was some data in this column relative to the surviving Civil War veterans. As most of you know the forms for this paper are closed eleven days ahead of the date which appears on it. Excepting your daily newspaper, all publications, stamp and otherwise have to do the same otherwise, have to do the same

No sooner was it on the press than the news came through of the death of William D. Town-send, Olla, La., that state's last veteran of the Civil War. There are but four of the southern and two of the northern now living.

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He at one time was the acting commander in chief Army of Trans-Mississippi department of the UCV. Townsend was born April 12,

the UCV.

Over the week end, I expect to be in Chillicothe, Ohio for the first day of issue of the Ohio Sesquicentennial stamp—March 1 and 2. I understand the club down there has gotten the makings of a fine exhibition.

Am going with a camera and note book and pencil. Perhaps there'll be some highlights to report. Chillicothe is approximately 125 miles southeast of Sidney situated in the south central part

of the state.

Last first day I attended was that at Kitty Hawk, N. C. December 17, 1949 for the Wright stamp. That was a dandy trip, very productive of news and pictures, and enjoyable in all respects.

One of the readers who have reported to me with samples of metered mail used by stamp deal-

ers came up with a honey.
You will remember that some weeks ago I mentioned that the weeks ago I mentioned that the collectors who bought stamps had the solution in their own hands when a dealer uses the postage meter instead of a commem on the mail. If you don't like the metered mail, simply buy from a dealer who is boosting the hobby by using stamps of philatelic value. value.

Very simple. And the woods are full of good dealers who use interesting stamps.

But back to the original item. It seems that the reader who had otters and the reader who had

gotten and gets metered mail from a dealer wrote to him telling about this column's views on the

matter.
The dealer wrote back, "... I am not certain, but I believe that at times I get my monthly statements from Linn's with metered cancels

Howdoya like that?
For the volume of mail going out of this office every day a meter would be quite handy—but there never has, and in the for-

seeable future never will be, a postage meter employed here.

We have nothing against them—they are a fine business machine. But we like to practice what we preach about using stamps of philatelic value when-ever possible.

From the metered envelopes sent here by the reader as evidence on the above-mentioned dealer I can see a reason for him using a meter. Apparently he runs his mail through one at the place he works on his full time job! A penny saved, etc.

Roland H. Imse, Jr. of St. Petersburg, Fla. points out that as an organization the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) is no more. It ceased to be on Friday, February 13. The Bible and Flag will be sent to Washington, D. C. to be placed in the historical archives. archives.
William A. Magee was the last

survivor of the organization. William A. Hard of Rochester, N. Y. and Albert Woolson of Duluth, Minn. while Union veterans were not members of the GAR.

"Who is nuts." writes a reader. "about the Michigan Centenary commem of 1935."

Said reader points to the fact that the state did not formally enter the Union until January 26,

enter the Union until January 26, 1837. "What centenary does this stamp mark?" he continues.

This is one of those confusing things brought about by confused people. It will be noted that the stamp's inscription states only, "Michigan Centenary". Not state or territorial or opening of the fishing season centenary; just plain centenary.

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In 1835 a convention for the purpose adopted a constitution but admission to the Union was delayed pending the settlement of a dispute with Ohio over respective boundaries. Congress

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suggested Michigan let Ohio have suggested Michigan let Ohio have the area under controversy and accept a much larger section of land in the upper peninsula. They agreed to that in December 1836. The sly and canny Michigan-ders did this picturing in their minds' eyes all the fine tourist trade they would be able to en-

trade they would be able to en-tice up that was as soon as the automobile would be invented and the state would be able to complete its fine network of high-ways to Michigan vacation lands! The Ohio-Michigan battle has

never been settled once and for all. It flares up every year when with some bloodshed and fierce scrapping Ohio State University and the University of Michigan meet on the gridiron. (Or haven't year seen one of these you ever seen one of these games?)
And that, kiddies, is why (?)

the Michigan centenary commem was issued in 1935.

1. The Mt. Rushmore, and the Betsy Ross of 1952.
2. The China (5c) of 1942 and the Gettysburg Address of 1948.

Meter Mail Group Completes First Year

Collectors of meter mail items with a yen to be a member of a group whose participants are de-voted to this specialty will prob-ably be pleased to know of the American Metered Postage Society. The secretary pro tem is Henry O. Meisel, Clintonville, Wis. who will answer questions

about the club.
On January 25 last, the society celebrated its first anniversary. Until March 31 prospects can enter at the current dues rate which is to be doubled April 1. They will be known as charter members and be eligible for several souvenir items. Members are sent a weekly and monthly bulletin with meter news.

LOUISIANA PURCHASE (Continued from page 1)

sippi outlet at stake, Jefferson sent his friend James Monroe to France with the power to buy New Orleans and West Florida. Before Monroe arrived, the regular minister, Livingston, had already convinced Napoleon that it would be well to sell territory which might be wrested from him at any moment by the British sea power, especially as the war, temporarily stopped by the peace of Amings was once program

of Amiens, was once more raging in Europe. Wise as he was in his day, Livingston had at first no thought of buying the whole Louisiana coun-try. He was simply dazed when Napoleon offered to sell the entire domain and get rid of the business altogether. Though staggered by the proposal, he and Monroe decided to accept.

On April 30, 1803, they signed the treaty of cession, agreeing to pay \$11,250,000 in six per cent bonds and to discharge certain claims against France due to American citizens, making in all approximately fifteen million dol-lars.

Spain protested, Napoleon's brother fumed, French newspa-pers objected; but the deed was

To those of you who are not acquainted with the actual layout

of the Louisiana Territory:—
It includes what is now the entire states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebracka, South Deletarations of the Country of the trincitudes what is how the entire states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota; portions of Minnesota, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, North Dakota, Montana, and even a portion of Canada lying north of Montana, across the international boundary. In 1626 Peter Minuit, first governor of New Netherlands (now New York), purchased the entire island of Manhattan, approximately 30 square miles for \$24.00 in trade, from Carnarsee Indians. In 1867 William Henry Seward, as Secretary of State for Lincoln, purchased the entire territory of Alaska, 590,000 square miles for

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Half A Horse Better Than None?

In 1934 Peru issued a crimson 10c stamp cataloged by Scott's Catalog as No. 319 (type A117) which pictured Pizarro mounted on a horse.



Shown herewith is a variety which on inspection seems to be a legitimate one of Pizarro mount-ed on a half horse. The entire back section of the horse is missing with the exception of the legs.

J. M. Gower, Post Office, Largs North, South Australia is the owner.

Souvenir Sheet Talk For Allentown Club

The March 17 meeting of the Allentown, Pa. Philatelic Society will be highlighted by the presence of Fred Barovick, vice-president of the Society of Philatelic Americans, as guest-speaker.

Mr. Barovick will exhibit a small part of his prize-winning collec-tion of souvenir sheets.

The meeting will be held at the Allentown Y.M.C.A. On this occasion a special invitation to all interested collectors in the neighboring area is extended.



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The last two items the only var-

The last two items the only variation from the 1½c value. Eight sheet stamps and four coils.

We understand the 1c High Point, N. C. is on the scarce side right now. As usual some one shows me a sheet or some dealer offers the item I mention the next week after I make such a statement but there it is.

SAINT CLAIRSVILLE OHIO.

From a recent Postal Bulletin we note that Saint Clairsville, Ohio will alter the spelling of its name. Some people speak of such matters as a name change but we don't think so. The spelling now is SAINT CLAIRSVILLE and it will be altered to read ST. CLAIRSVILLE.

The change over is to take place April 1. The precancel type in use now is a U-127 with wide spacing. We expect a new type which perhaps will be U-121 n(narrow.) This should appeal to those interested in regular cancellations also.

U. N. PRECANCELS.

We have reports of two collectors holding U. N. precancels and a tip on where to look for them. We understand that a number of the circulars went to libraries and to schools. We feel that this means colleges who maintain libraries colleges who maintain libraries.

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1953 STAMP PROGRAM

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edge appears the Rotary emblem within a circle.

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printed.

No record is to be had of how many full sheets the Rotarians bought. Any one is lucky to find a full sheet today.

In 1948 the 39th Annual Convention of Rotary International was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Brazil issued two air mail stamps (C66-67) with values of 1.20 and 3.80 Cruzeiros respectively.

1.20 and 3.80 Cruzeiros respectively.

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these stamps show up strikingly on any album page.

A speaker of St. Clair, Mich. was addressing a club in 1951 and related the origin of the organization in these words—"Two score and five years ago our Rotarian forebears brought forth in the city of Chicago an idea that men needed fellowship and association, so they instituted the

that men needed fellowship and association, so they instituted the first Rotary Club."

In practice their idea is "Service Above Self." In their official organ of Rotary, "The Rotarian," there appears monthly a page of great interest called "The Hobby Hitching Post" and from it one gleans that many stamp collectors are Rotarians.

gleans that many stamp collectors are Rotarians.

They do collect all sorts of things, as for instance a member has assembled nearly 1000 club emblems from about 75 nations. In the process of this collection he has written over 20,000 letters to these countries, and the international friendships resulting therefrom are too great to ing therefrom are too great to imagine.

A Rotarian from the state of

A Rotarian from the state of Rhode Island has been publicized much because he collects stamps, even as you and I. But not for the same purpose for he makes what he calls "Philatelic Crea-tions"—seascapes, landscapes and portraits.

portraits.

He begins by outlining a design in pencil to provide a working plan in proportion, balance and emphasis. Then the cutting and placing of stamps begin. Each part of a stamp as pasted down imparts new color and form to the picture. It is piece by piece development, as the portrait or cluster of roses or seascape is philatelicly painted. One picture is 22 by 15 inches in size, created for his wife on their 25th wedding anniversary. ding anniversary.

One of his masterpieces is a portrait of President Eisenhower and one of Gen. MacArthur. hese portraits stand out against background of stamps bearing the faces of historical personages.

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SCANNING SCANDINAVIA

Thorsten Ingeloff Malmtorgsgatan 11 Karlstad. Sweden

The terrific Dutch flood catastrophe has been the inspiration for kinds of money-raising relief projects in the Scandinavian na-tions. Several of them appeal di-cectly to stamp and seal collectors.



In Sweden, where the Postal Administration is so strongly se ministration is so strongly set against all semipostal stamps, the national association of "Save The Children" has issued an attractive and highly symbolic seal. In colors of yellow, green, red, blue and black the design pictures a broken tulip in a rain storm.

That Sweden's concern for neigh

bor Holland is a deeply interested one is evidenced by the fact these seals are sold nearly everywhere — including the post offices. Denmark, as you will have learned from the illustration of the

cover on page nine of the March 2 edition of Linn's, has produced a semipostal the surtax from which goes to Holland's flood relief.

Norway will also produce a semi-postal for Holland citizens. Accord-ing to word from Oslo it is expected that this stamp or stamps will con-sist of a surcharge on existing items.

DENMARK: Summarizing recent

DENMARK: Summarizing recent additions to the regular postage series are the following:

On January 22 color changes were made for two in the King Frederick IX design — the 50 ore to greenish blue and the 60 ore to dark blue. Previously the colors had been just the opposite. The latter denomination is now the basis foreign rate.

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On February 16 two additional values in the same design consist.

a 90 ore orange yellow and
a 90 ore olive green.
SWEDEN: On February 9, the
20 ore gray King Gustav VI Adolf
type which had previously appeared
in coil form, was released in book-

lets, each consisting of one folded pane of 20 subjects.

To honor the 50th anniversary of the Swedish National Sport Union five commemorative stamps are to be issued as a set near the



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latter part of May. Denominations, colors, designs and designers are as follows:

10 ore green, two single canoes by Georg Lagerstad; 15 ore brown, ice hockey player in national colors by Lars Norr-

man: 20 ore gray, ski-jumper by Erik

Prytz; 40 ore blue girl initiating the

sling-ball throw;
140 ore green, wrestlers by Erik Prytz.

All of them are to be issued in coil form with the expectation that the 10 ore at least will also be released as a booklet stamp.

All these stamps were engraved by Sven Ewert with the exception of the 15 ore. That one is the work of Arne Wallhorn, a pupil of Ewert for the past seven years. It is Wallhorn's first stamp.

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The chosen designs have not been too well received by the public. There is a feeling that the sports pictured could have been more wisely selected in regard to those most popular in Sweden. The failure to represent football, the nation's best liked, is regretted.

Production is by the Post Office Department Printing Works on unwatermarked paper, perforated 13.

Two postage stamps are scheduled for the 700th anniversary celebrations of Stockholm, the capital. Details have not been released but the day of issue is expected in

the day of issue is expected in June at the height of the festivities. A proposal to issue a commemorative honoring John Ericson, Swedish engineer and inventor of the "U. S. Monitor," has been considered favorably by the post office

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department The decision to issue is still pending — an already full stamp-issuing program might keep this one off the presses.

The anniversary date of Ericson's birth is July 31.

Definitely scheduled for a November 1 first day is a set of three for the 100th anniversary of the Telegraph Department, in Sweden, a state institution but not connected a state institution but not connected

a state institution but not connected with the Post Office Department. Stamps are to be a 250 red, 400 blue and 600 (color unknown). All will be in coil form, besides which the 250 will also appear in book-

DENMARK: In the wake of the repeated postal rate changes (increases, of course) has followed a rather long set, including varieties, of the interesting Aerograms (or Air Letters). There has been some confusion in the minds of collectors about this procession of items. Per-haps the following will help to haps the clear things.

clear things.

October 9, 1949 — imprinted stamp, 40 ore blue King Frederick IX design. Manufacturing (issuing) Numbers (M. N.) are 1 and 2.

July 12, 1950 — same sheet with addition of an imprinted 10 ore violet of the Numeral design (M. N. same as above). Also a new item bearing a 50 ore blue, King Frederick IX design. (M. N. 3, 4 and 5)

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One of Spain's outstanding men of literature, Tirso de Molina, was the subject of a 15c dark green addition to that nation's Cultural Series on February 2.

That was the pen name of Gabriel Tellez, born in 1571, and who died as the prior of the monastery at Soria on March 12, 1648.

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